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AGENDA FOR PUBLIC FORUM REGARDING BROADBAND PCS C AND F BLOCK INSTALLMENT PAYMENT ISSUES

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau will host a public forum to discuss broadband PCS C and F block installment payment issues and proposed alternative financing arrangements raised in the Public Notice released on June 2, 1997.¹ The Public Forum will be held on June 30, 1997 in the Commission Meeting Room, Suite 856, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Overall, the theme of the forum will be "How Can The Commission Best Ensure That Broadband PCS C And F Block Licenses Are Used To Provide Service To The Public?" There will be two separate panels consisting of representatives from the wireless industry and the financial community. Time will be reserved for audience members to make comment and ask questions.

The first panel will address the general question of whether the Commission should consider modification of the payment rules for broadband PCS C and F block installment debt licensees. The panelists include: Michael Roberts, President, National Association of PCS Entrepreneurs; Roger Linqvist, CEO, General Wireless Inc.; Stephen Hillard, CEO, Cook Inlet Communications Inc.; Karen Johnson, President, Fortunet Communications, L.P.; and, Shelley Spencer, General Counsel, Airgate Wireless.

The second panel will address specific proposals for alternative financing arrangements and debt discounting. The panelists include: Norman Frost, Managing Director, Communications Group, Bear Stearns; John Bensch, Vice President/Senior Wireless Service Analyst, Lehman Brothers; Brian O'Reilly, Managing Director-Communications Finance, Toronto Dominion; Gregg

¹ See Public Notice "Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Seeks Comment on Broadband PCS C and F Block Installment Payment Issues," DA 97-679 (released: June 2, 1997).

E. Johnson, President, BIA Capital Corporation; and, Mark Lowenstein, VP-Wireless/Mobile Communications, The Yankee Group.

The event will be video recorded, and copies of videotapes may be ordered at no cost from the Office of Public Affairs, telephone (202) 418-0460, TTY (202) 418-1388, facsimile (202) 418-2809. Please provide a blank T-120 minutes High Quality videotape with a request indicating the date and title of the event to be copied, to: Federal Communications Commission, Office of Public Affairs, Television Staff, Room 202, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Please note "Issue: C and F Block Forum" on the envelope. You must include a stamped return addressed envelop or pick up the video tape in person. The audio portion of the Open Forum will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at <http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio>.

Parties should file replies to comments, including those made at the Public Forum, by July 8, 1997, with the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, two copies should be hand delivered to: (1) Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Room 5322, 2025 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Sande Taxali. Copies of the petitions, comments, and reply comments may be obtained from the Commission's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc. (ITS), 2100 M Street, N.W. Suite 140, Washington, D.C., 20037, (202) 857-3800. Copies are also available for public inspection during regular business hours in Room 5608, 2025 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. When requesting copies, please refer to DA-679.

For further information contact Rachel Kazan or Sande Taxali, Auctions and Industry Analysis Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0660.

Action by the Acting Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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